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RE: New Patent Application Under 37 C.F.R. § 1.53(b) for <u>DEVICE FOR ANALYZING</u> IMMUNOASSAYS

Sir:

Please find attached hereto an application for patent. It is hereby requested that this application be accorded a filing date pursuant to 37 C.F.R. 1.53(b)(1). Enclosed are:

X Specification, claims and abstract.

X Declaration/Power of Attorney and Statement.

X Three Verified Statements claiming Small Entity status

X Six (6) sheets of formal drawings (Figs. 1-8).

 \underline{X} Assignment, certified cover sheet and recordation fee.

X Priority is claimed under 35 USC 119 from European Patent Application No. 99 116 534.1 filed August 24, 1999, the certified copy will follow.

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